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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Vincent Andre Lucien Crevenat et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/596,832 Filed/Issue Date: October 31, 2008

Titled: **DEVICE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST VOLTAGE SURGES WITH PARALLEL SIMULTANEOUSLY TRIGGERED SPARK-GAPS**

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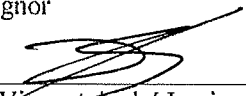
We, Vincent André Lucien Crevenat, residing at La Gouarde, F-65250 Izeaux, France, and Boris Gautier, residing at 6, route de Bagnères, F-65100 Lourdes, France (hereinafter collectively, the "Assignors"), in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to us by ABB France, a French Company, maintaining its principal place of business at 9 avenue Edouard Belin, 92566 Rueil-Malmaison Cedex, France ("Assignee"), the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, and do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in a certain invention or improvement in the invention entitled:

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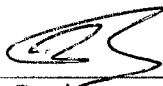
filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2008, and assigned Application No. 10/596,832, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/FR2004/003345, filed December 22, 2004, which claims priority to French Application No. 0315551, filed December 30, 2003, and in all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, reissue or other applications, based in whole or in part thereon, including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement. And we agree, for ourselves and our executors and administrators, with Assignee and its successors and assigns but at its or their expense and charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deeds or other instruments, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to Assignee, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of Assignee and to vest and confirm in Assignee, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents. Assignors further authorize and grant a limited power of attorney to Assignee's attorney, Jason A. Bernstein, or his/her designee, to execute on Assignors' behalf any documents necessary to evidence the assignments granted herein for the United States, International application, or any other country or region without further notice to Assignors.

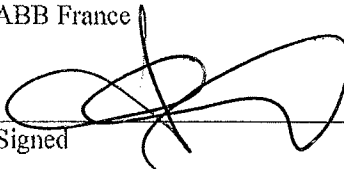
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on the date set forth below.

<p>Date: <u>2009/06/24</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Assignor</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> By: <u>Vincent André Lucien Crevenat</u></div>
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